

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. **(Original)** A composition which stimulates thermogenesis, for oral administration, comprising capsaicinoids in combination with a formulation base which is acceptable for oral administration, characterized in that:

a) said formulation base comprises a vegetable and/or mineral oil and a lipophilic additive which is solid or pasty at room temperature, the lipophilic additive which is solid or pasty at room temperature amounting to 5 to 20% by weight, preferably 8 to 15% by weight, of the composition, and

b) the composition has no irritating effects on the gastric mucosa.

2.-13. **(Canceled)**